

## **Application Form - Peter A. Larkin Award for Excellence in Fisheries at a Canadian Institution**

Applications are now being accepted for the Peter A. Larkin Student Award for Excellence in Fisheries. The purpose of the award is to identify the top *current* master's and doctoral level students that are conducting fisheries research at a *Canadian institution*. The award is not restricted to students with Canadian citizenship.

Both winners and runner-ups receive recognition on the CARS website and an AFS CARS certificate. The winner at each level will also receive \$200 and funds to support travel (up to \$1000) to present their research at the conference for the Society of Canadian Aquatic Sciences (SCAS). Funds for travel will only be provided if the awardee attends SCAS. Please note that Larkin awardees will not be eligible to receive the Clemens-Rigler Travel Award from SCAS in the year that their travel support is provided by CARS.

The award is administered and supported by the Canadian Aquatic Resources Section (CARS) of the American Fisheries Society (AFS). To be eligible for the award, you must be a current member of AFS (go to [fisheries.org](http://fisheries.org)). You can join at the time of applying to this award. We also encourage you to check the box to be a CARS member in the AFS application form, which comes at no additional cost for students. Note if you are already an AFS member but didn't know about CARS, you should be able to make changes to your membership by logging into the AFS membership page.

When filling out the application, please pay attention to the page limitations for each section. Note that Times New Roman, 12pt font is to be used, with page margins of 2 cm on all sides. Upon completion of the application, please **convert the document to a pdf** and name the file with your last name followed by an underscore and Larkin (i.e., **YourLastname\_Larkin.pdf**). Points will be deducted for not adhering to formatting guidelines or if material is omitted. Completed documents are to be sent to: **Sarah Lehnert, CARS Larkin Committee Chair, [sarah.lehnert@dfo-mpo.gc.ca](mailto:sarah.lehnert@dfo-mpo.gc.ca)**

***Completed applications must be received no later than 4pm EDT June 14, 2024***

Note that all winners (1<sup>st</sup> place & runners up) will be notified via email after the judging is complete. A public announcement to all CARS members will be sent via email, and public notification of the award winners will occur on the CARS website (<http://cars.fisheries.org>) and CARS social media. Note that winners (1<sup>st</sup> place & runners up) of the award must submit a short research write-up for the CARS webpage.

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**SECTION 1 – not to exceed one page.**

Name of applicant:

Institution name: (if you are co-supervised, please only list your degree granting institution)

Program (master's or doctoral) and program start date:

Applicant's permanent mailing address:

Email:

AFS member #

CARS member (Yes/No)

**SECTION 2 - RESUME (65 pts) - not to exceed three single-spaced pages with information in the following format: (please use the headings provided)**

- 1) **Current academic standing:** Provide your average (as a percentage) for your current degree. If you have not taken courses to date for your current degree, provide your overall average for your last degree (as a percentage). Specify which degree you are providing your average for. A screen shot of your unofficial transcripts should be attached with the application (or embedded at end of application).
- 2) **Professional experience related specifically to fisheries:** positions held and relevant duties; include duration (e.g., May-July 2017, 2015-present if continuous). This includes both paid and volunteer activities.
- 3) **Peer-reviewed publications:** follow citation format for *Transactions of the American Fisheries Society* and only include manuscripts that are either published/accepted/in press. Manuscripts conditionally accepted, in review, or in preparation will not be considered.
- 4) **Government reports and/or grey literature:** provide details of any government or consulting reports that you contributed to.
- 5) **Oral and poster presentations at scholarly conferences/meetings:** Only list presentations where you were first author. Provide authorship information, presentation title, conference, location and date.
- 6) **Scientific communication to the public:** include non-peer reviewed popular press articles that you authored, science blogs that you maintain or have contributed to (provide a current url and date accessed), public presentations given such as science cafes (list presentation title, location, date), vimeo/youtube videos (include current url and date), or any other relevant scientific communication to the public.

7) **Leadership activities:** include participation in university committees, other professional societies, mentoring, community outreach, etc., that have not been included above. Provide a short description of the activity, your level of involvement, and duration of the activity.

8) **Awards:** include scholarships (plus value), leadership, academic, or communication. For each award, indicate their level (i.e., institutional, provincial, national, international).

**SECTION 3 – THESIS RESEARCH SUMMARY (20pts)** - *not to exceed one single-spaced page, excluding 1 separate page for literature cited. Use #s, e.g., The rate of sound absorption increases by almost an order of magnitude between 69 kHz and 300 kHz [4], to denote literature cited to save space.*

The proposal must be submitted in the following single-spaced format with the following headings:

- 1) Title
- 2) Introduction (provide project background and justification)
- 3) Objectives/Hypotheses (provide problem statement with specific objectives or hypotheses)
- 4) Methods (provide a summary of procedures)
- 5) Significance of research
- 6) Literature cited (follow citation format for *Transactions of the American Fisheries Society*)